

REMARKS

Without conceding the merits of the rejections or the comments asserted by the Advisory Action, applicant cancels all pending claims and adds claims 51-66. Applicant reserves its rights to pursue the canceled claims in a continuation or other application. This amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination.

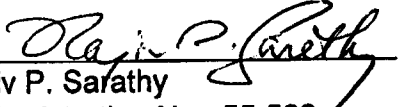
Support for the new claims is found in applicant's disclosure as well as the application to which it claims priority, which was filed on December 29, 1999, and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,343,317 on January 29, 2002.

Based on these amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request early allowance of this application. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-6478.

For any fees due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 320528065US2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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